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2 percent lid may force mid-year budget cut

The University of Nebraska system may declare a "financial emergency" if the proposed 2 percent lid becomes reality, NU Public Affairs Director Joe Rowson said.

A financial emergency would exempt the university from paying its creditors, he said.

If approved by voters Nov. 6, the 2 percent lid — Ballot Measure 405 — will limit state and local spending to an annual 2 percent increase.

This year, the university experienced a 12.3 percent budget increase, according to Rowson.

He said if the lid passes, cuts would be imminent and devastating.

"The university's budget may be subject to a severe mid-year reduction," wrote NU Interim President Martin Massengale in an Oct. 9 letter to university faculty and staff. Estimating cuts from \$24 million to \$65 million, he wrote, "Reductions of this magnitude would create a severe hardship for the university."

At UNO, passage of the lid could delay projects like the new Fine Arts Building, Rowson said.

"Each program would have to be examined individually by the regents," Rowson said. "If they have made a contract on a certain pro-

gram, you can't stop. But if you just have the hole dug, you might be able to. These are decisions that may have to be made."

At the University of Nebraska Medical Center, Rowson said, the lid could cause a 20 percent reduction of the number of visits physicians make to their patients.

"This will probably limit patient intake," Rowson said.

Although the lid would affect the entire NU system, Rowson said the issue would not deteriorate into a battle for funds between the three campuses.

In the Oct. 9 letter, Massengale called the wording of the proposed lid, authored by Ed Jaksha, "vague and open to different interpretations."

The lid could affect all university funds, not only those appropriated by the Legislature, Massengale wrote.

Rowson said the entire situation presents a muddled picture.

"Even Jaksha isn't sure how some things will work in some cases," Rowson said.

Eventually, the 2 percent dispute will be a problem for the courts, he said, reiterating that any language added to the state constitution

needs to be clearer than Measure 405's current wording.

The university, Rowson added, has no set criteria for dealing with the lid's potential effects.

However, Massengale has asked the three NU campuses — UNO, the Medical Center and UNL — to compile lists of possible budget cuts.

The lists, Rowson said, then would be reviewed by the president's office and presented to the NU Board of Regents for a final decision.

Rowson said he and Massengale agree that student services, maintenance and tuition would be greatly affected.

However, Rowson said he did not know how much tuition would increase under the lid.

"We do not have that kind of a plan," Rowson said. "We don't know if all funds, including tuition, will be covered."

If tuition is not limited to a 2 percent increase, then large increases would probably occur, Rowson said.

"We would concentrate on (retaining) our primary missions: teaching and research," Rowson said.

But, he added, the real casualties of Jaksha's "2 percent solution" would be the students.

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UNO and local information

U.S. Sen. Kerrey cancels

Due to Congressional budget meetings, a speech by U.S. Sen. Bob Kerrey, scheduled for 1:30 Monday at UNO, was cancelled.

Kerrey, D-Neb., was to discuss "Rethinking Tomorrow's Challenge" in the Strauss Performing Arts Center. Kerrey's presentation was sponsored by UNO and the Pacesetter's Corporation.

A new speaking date has not been announced.

Freshmen pile up honors

Four UNO freshmen are the latest recipients of the 1990 UNO Distinguished Scholarships. Each scholarship is worth from \$12,000 to \$13,000 for four years.

The students, who were honored at an Oct. 2 banquet at UNO, are Patrick Hanna, Jenni Richter and Ernie Simmons of Omaha and Christine Keitges of Honey Creek, Iowa.

Keitges receives a \$13,000 scholarship, and Hanna, Richter and Simmons receive scholarships of \$12,000.

The four winners are among 92 high school seniors who competed last spring in UNO's Distinguished Scholarship Competition. The scholarships are used each year to attract top student scholars to UNO.

Funds for the \$12,000 scholarships are provided by UNO's Alumni Association, the Isaacson Trust, the estate of Helen Hansen and the University of Nebraska Board of Regents.

Ground-breaking ceremony scheduled

A ground-breaking ceremony for the new UNO Fine Arts Building will be held Friday at 4 p.m. Gov. Orr will attend the ceremony, which will be held at the building site of the in front of the Durham Science Building.

UNO faculty, staff and students are invited to attend.

More lid discussions planned

UNO Chancellor Del Weber will answer questions for students, faculty and staff on possible effects of the proposed 2 percent lid.

If approved by voters, Ballot Measure 405 would limit increases in local and state government spending to 2 percent a year.

Weber will be available at 4 p.m. Wednesday in the Eppley Auditorium; at 11 a.m. Thursday in the University Library; at 9 a.m. Friday in Peter Kiewit Conference Center room 102B; and in the Student Center Gallery Room at noon Saturday.

Changes in the air discussed

The Aviation 2000 conference will be held Nov. 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Peter Kiewit Conference Center.

The conference will focus on the current trends in aviation and explore the changes possible in the 21st century.

The fee for the conference is \$40, \$7 for UNO students.



These Offut airmen returned from 60 days of duty in Saudi Arabia. Some UNO students who are reservists may take their place.

— DAVE BAVARESCO

Reservists may receive full refund of tuition

By Mike Peroutka

Exchanging backpacks for duffel bags may leave some UNO students wondering whether their tour of duty will scar their academic career and financial aid opportunities.

Recognizing these concerns, UNO has adopted a new policy to suit the needs of students in the military reserves, said Don Skeahan, assistant vice chancellor of Educational and Student Services.

This policy enables the reservists to receive a full refund of their tuition and fees upon request.

Skeahan said UNO's Educational and Student Services designed the new policies to treat all reservists as "fairly and liberally" as possible.

"Right now, the reservists we've had (called up) have withdrawn from class," Skeahan said. "But three to four weeks from now, they may be able to get an incomplete or even salvage a grade."

However, he added that any decision regarding student grades are made solely by the

respective professors.

"We only wanted to take care of the administrative process: registration, financial aid and admissions," Skeahan said.

As a result of the new policy, reservists who are called to duty will be fully refunded for books, test and admissions fees.

"If students have been approved for admission and plan on attending UNO after their tour, then we will keep their file and maintain their status on the current admission status," Skeahan said. "Our basic premise is to make sure that everyone is treated fairly."

For financial aid, each case will be dealt with individually.

Skeahan said the financial aid office will contact students who receive reserve benefits to ensure that they are aware of the policies.

University faculty and staff members enlisted in the reserves, Skeahan said, are not affected by the policy because federal laws require their jobs to remain open to them upon their return from duty.

As of last week, Skeahan said no UNO faculty or staff reservists have been called to

duty. In those cases, he added, it may be necessary for other faculty members to pick up the slack.



President Bush greets U.S. troops returning from Saudi Arabia at Offut AFB.

— DAVE BAVARESCO

Colleges nationwide feel budget crunch

(CPS)—From California to Rhode Island, a lack of money from state governments is forcing public colleges to cancel course sections, fire employees, cut student services and overcrowd classes.

Some observers say the crisis could lead to a mid-term tuition increase in December.

Uncertain business conditions, campus funding experts say, have hurt state governments because they have not been able to collect as much money as they had expected from sales tax and employment tax. As a result, they have less funding for public colleges.

Consequently, the colleges cut their expenses or find more money from other sources.

And apparently, one of those sources will be the students.

"The most immediate effect will be an increase in tuition," said Richard Novak of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

It's already happening in Virginia.

Public colleges in Virginia have been affected by two 5-percent reductions in the state's budget, imposed by Gov. L. Douglas Wilder. The budget reductions anticipated a \$1.4 billion deficit in the two-year budget cycle which began July 1.

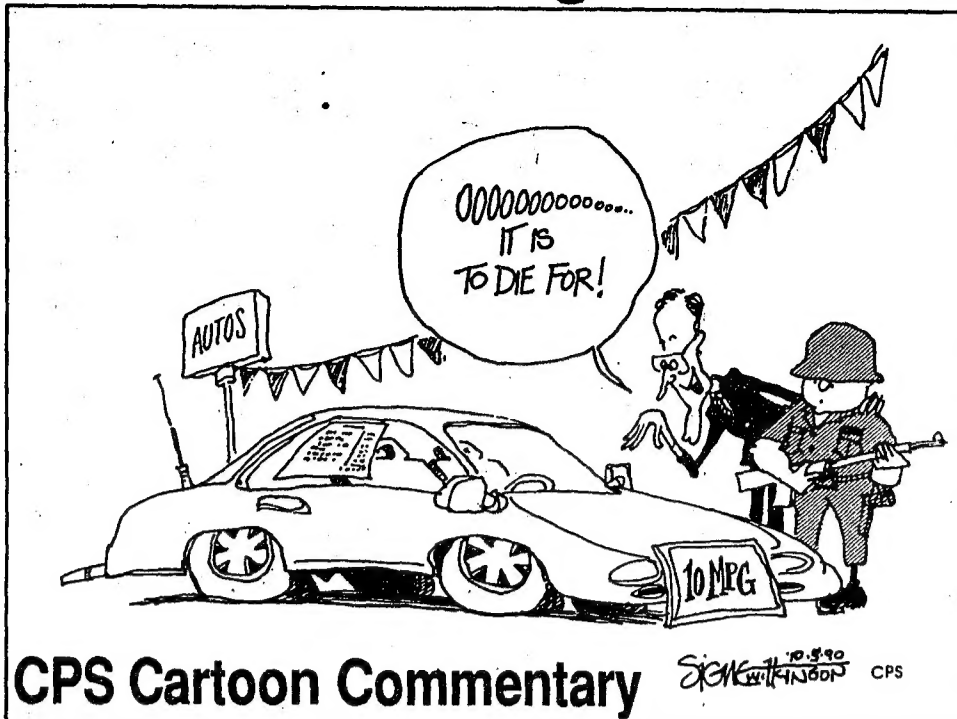
Wilder permitted most Virginia colleges to raise student tuition.

At George Mason University, for instance, spring tuition will increase \$62 for in-state students and \$186 for out-of-state students.

Needless to say, many students are not happy.

More than 5,000 students protested the budget reductions Sept. 11. Class sizes at George Mason University increased 10 percent, and over 270 faculty and staff members were dismissed.

Similarly, 250 Virginia Commonwealth



CPS Cartoon Commentary

University students marched to the capitol in Richmond to protest.

According to Novak, Virginia is the only state thus far to announce mid-year tuition increases. However, many other states including Nebraska, already have reduced or may reduce the amount of money given to public colleges.

This fall, many students at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln found enrolling in the classes they needed difficult. Only 44 percent of the students actually were enrolled in the course sections they had requested in September, school officials concede.

College money could get even "tighter,"

Nebraska student leaders said, if voters approve a measure on the Nov. 6 ballot which limits increases in state and local government budgets to 2 percent per fiscal year.

"I think it's very disastrous, very threatening to the students," said Kelli Sears, student government president at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

While no one is sure how state economies will fare next year, students are convinced changes need to be made.

"Clearly the state is going to have to find another source of revenue," said Tom Hawkins of the California State Student Association. "We just can't take another round of cuts."

Drawing fire for questionable statements

(CPS)—Two college newspapers have been denounced by many students and administrators for recently publishing anti-Semitic sentiments.

The Campus, the newspaper at the City College campus of the City University of New York system, evoked public reprimand from its school president.

An editorial in the Sept. 17 issue of *The Campus* by former student Vivek Golikeri charged that City College is dominated by a "Jewish clique" made up of "powerful, arrogant people who often control everything."

"I was appalled by the blatant anti-Semitism expressed in the column," wrote City College President Bernard W. Harleston in a letter to the paper. "I urge the editors of *The Campus* and the

other student media to reject such blatant prejudice both in their news stories and on their opinion pages."

However, in an editorial printed two weeks after the opinion piece, the editors of the paper defended their right to print the editorial.

"A range of views tend to get people to act... hopefully towards justice and peace," the editorial said.

The other paper, the *Dartmouth Review*, received criticism and incited a demonstration by over half of the Dartmouth College student body when it printed a quote from Adolf Hitler on Sept. 28, the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur.

"By warding off the Jews, I am fighting for

the Lord's work," read the Hitler quote.

In the recent uproar, three staff members of the newspaper resigned.

In a statement released to the media, *Dartmouth Review* editors said the quote appeared in the newspaper "through an act of sabotage, a subterfuge, a dirty trick that we are determined to track down and expose."

Dartmouth President James O. Freedman, once charged with behaving like Hitler by the *Dartmouth Review*, said bigotry of this kind has no place at the college or in this country.

"For 10 years, the *Dartmouth Review* has consistently attacked blacks because they are black, women because they are women and Jews because they are Jews," Freedman said.



CPS Cartoon Commentary II

Who is number one?

(CPS)—Amherst and Harvard are the two best colleges in the United States, according to *U.S. News and World Report*.

Money magazine said The Cooper Union in New York is "America's best college buy."

Money and *U.S. News* are two of a number of magazines and newspapers offering consumer "polls" of the nation's finest colleges and universities.

Since the *Yale Daily News* began publishing an "Insiders' Guide" to campuses in the 1960s, *Playboy* magazine, *The New York Times*, *Peterson's Guides* and *Barron's* have ranked campuses by subjective factors which include: the difficulty of classes, cost and even the quality of parties.

Robert Morse, a senior *U.S. News and World Report* editor who oversaw the Oct. 10 publication, said the magazine ranks colleges and universities on academic reputation, student selectivity, faculty resources, financial resources and student satisfaction.

The Cooper Union, *Money* magazine's "best buy," was missing from the *U.S. News* list of best overall campuses.

"Their (*Money*) rankings don't make any sense," Morse scoffed. "Cooper only appeals to engineering students."

Cooper, however, was named as the third-best engineering school in the *U.S. News* specialty rankings.

Morse said a college's rank should not be the sole reason to attend a particular school.

"However, the schools that make our ranking are inarguably good schools," he said.

College Clips

from College Press Service

Paying too much for memories

The nation's three top school yearbook publishers have agreed to pay more than \$400,000 to settle legal claims of collusion.

Even though the case involved schools in Washington state, one observer claimed the relationship between the publishers and schools across the country could be damaged.

Washington state officials accused the publishers and 10 salespeople of illegally working together to rig the printing bids they made to schools, fix their prices and agree not to try to steal clients away from each other by offering more services or lower estimates.

The alleged collusion artificially raised the amount students had to pay for their yearbooks.

The companies involved were Herff-Jones of Indianapolis, Ind., Taylor Publishing of Dallas, Texas, and Josten's of Minnesota.

Activists halt research with bombs

Scientists are being forced to halt valuable research because of break-ins and bombings of campus labs by animal rights activists, medical researchers said at a press conference Oct. 4 in Washington D.C.

"Computers cannot explain the nature of normal and diseased minds," contended Dr. Torstein Wiesel. "Modern biomedical research would come to a halt if researchers no longer had animals available."

Louisiana State University's Dr. Michael Carey said an animal rights campaign made him stop a promising program on treating brain injuries.

Going a little too far

Approximately 250 University of New Mexico students chanted and waved signs which read "Castrate Sigma Chi" in front of the fraternity house Oct. 5.

Students were protesting a "Mafia Wedding" party the fraternity hosted, which featured a skit describing the "perfect sex organ."

School officials suspended the chapter after the school newspaper reported that, during the skit, those attending the party had been urged to grab their loins and shout "Feel the power!"

"Things that had been overlooked before, boys-will-be-boys things, are not okay anymore," Jan Roebuck, of the school's academic affairs office, told the demonstrators.

The best of both worlds

The 10 best "big universities" in the nation, according to *U.S. News and World Report's* sixth annual list of campuses are:

Harvard University, Stanford University, Yale University, Princeton University, California Institute of Technology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Duke University, Dartmouth College, Cornell University and Columbia University.

The best "small universities" are:

Amherst College, Swarthmore College, Williams College, Bowdoin College, Wellesley College, Pomona College, Wesleyan College, Middlebury College, Smith College and Davidson College.

college digest

compiled by Tim Rohwer

Pros of the 2 percent lid

It's almost Halloween, and things are starting to get scary.

When Omaha tax-activist Ed Jaksha first circulated a petition to limit state and government spending increases to 2 percent a year, it just seemed like a piece of paper.

But now the day of reckoning (Nov. 6) draws near. And because the *Gateway* has been accused of unbalanced coverage on the 2 percent lid, we thought we'd give readers both the pros and cons of the issue. First the cons.

- The University of Nebraska system will be

Staff editorial

Our view

devastated. Entire academic departments will have to be dropped and quality professors will be laid off. Tuition may skyrocket.

- Local governments, in order to spend more "efficiently," will have to make some tough choices — like whether to fund the fire department or the police department. Most people prefer both.

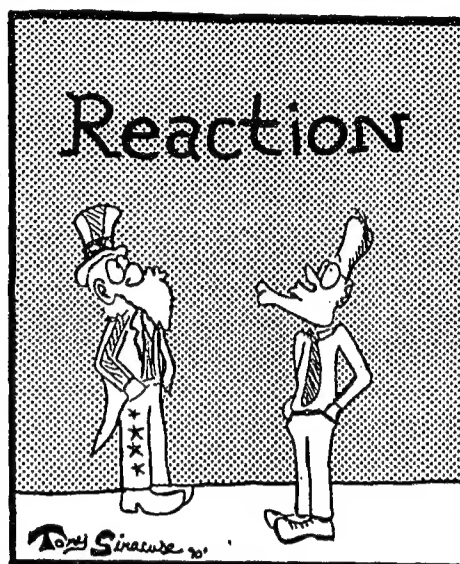
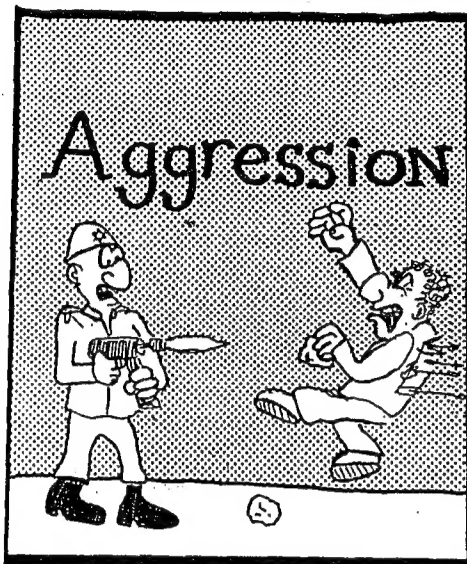
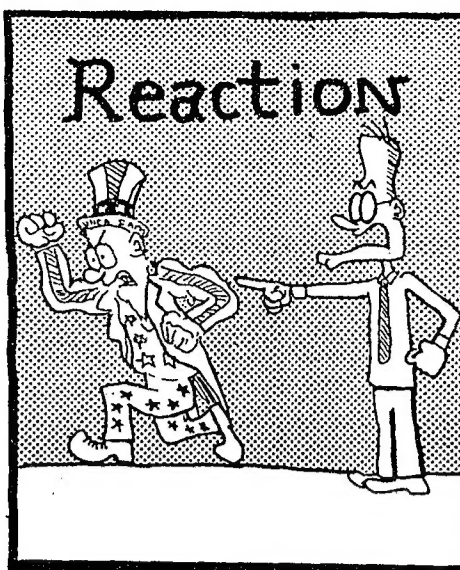
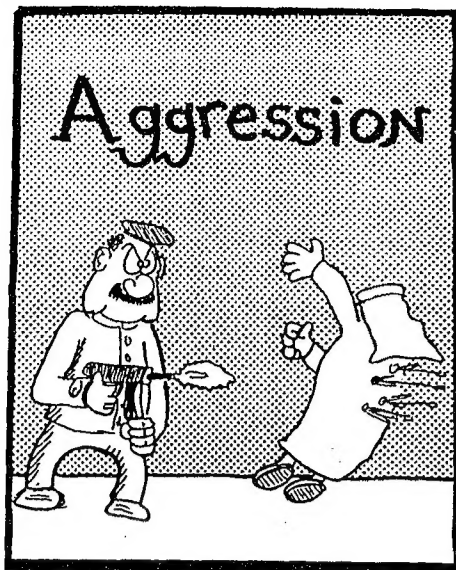
- Research and patient care at the University of Nebraska Medical Center will dwindle. Ten years of national acclaim down the tube.

- Aid to the poor, elderly and handicapped, funded by tax dollars, will be severely cut. You get what you pay for.

But look on the bright side. There are some positive aspects to the 2 percent lid. Among them:

- Getting lost in a pot hole will become an acceptable excuse for missing class.

- The math on state and local budgets will be



much easier.

- Traffic will no longer be bogged down by "irritating" police cars, fire trucks and ambulances.

- Membership in the "Ed Jaksha fan club" will dwindle to almost nothing.

- Iowans will have good reason to ridicule us.

- The *Gateway* will have plenty to bitch about for the next three years.

There you have it. The choice is yours. Now get out there on Nov. 6 and vote.

What happened to the simple cookbook?

To cook or not to cook, that is the question. Is it nobler in the mind to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous recipes or just say, "Oh what the hell" and call Pizza Hut?

Today's cook seems to have more cookbooks on the shelves than she has food. All these years when I thought cooking was getting simpler, in effect, it has only been getting more complex. The difficulty in preparing anything from a cookbook today can often be measured by the amount of instruction it requires.

Preparing a meal may only take 20 minutes cooking time if you happen to be fortunate enough to have a microwave. I don't because I'm too poor from paying my tuition, but it could also involve three hours of research in technical literature. Today, if you want to be a good cook, it is often necessary to be a graduate of the Evelyn Woods Speed Reading School as well.

Where does all the reading come from? Well, for starters, most modern cookbooks are specialized depending on what you're in the mood for eating, what day of the week it happens to be, what sign you were born under, what letter of the alphabet your last name

begins with and whether you're a blonde, red-head or brunette.

And how is it they never seem to run out of countries to name cookbooks after? If they ever do, no doubt cookbook writers will just invent recipes from other planets like Venus Victuals or Martian Menus.

A large majority of cookbooks are aimed at the particular person who is doing the cooking. There are cookbooks for brides, men, children, people with large families, small families and no families at all. There are even some for people who hate food, for one-armed cooks, for cooks in a hurry and for cooks with nothing else to do (obviously not a UNO student).

I'd even be willing to bet that, if you looked hard enough, you could probably find a cookbook especially directed toward a woman who has been married and has three children, dusts right-handed but cooks left, is allergic to thyme, needs to lose weight and is fond of Portuguese delicacies. If there isn't one, try the bookstore again in a month or so and somebody will probably have written one.

Some cookbooks like to concentrate on where the cooking is going to take place. They

Jennifer Malone Columnist

tell you how to cook in your back yard, on a boat, in a dorm or in a rented room (without letting your landlady know about it), in a national park or even on a mountain top. The only place they seem to be missing is how to cook in a kitchen sans microwave.

The really latest cookbooks include other material along with the recipes. Some of them sprinkle jokes among the instructions. Others contain reproductions of famous paintings or offer selected prayers and philosophical ruminations. And still others provide song lyrics and games to play with the kids while cooking up a storm.

Then there are the endless collections of recipes by famous celebrities, doctors, athletes, politicians, ex-convicts and ulcer sufferers.

Maybe I should try staying out of the kitchen for awhile, at least until I graduate. I simply don't have enough time to do all that extra reading.

Keli Anders Columnist

Proper movie etiquette

Movie theaters, like every place else, have rules of conduct.

In an effort to dispel the myth that UNO students are ill-mannered cretins, I have painstakingly compiled a list of "flick" etiquette.

This handy, dandy compilation will keep you and your pals from committing any film faux pas and is sure to save you eons of grief.

1. Shut up.

There's nothing worse than trying to watch a movie while people in the audience talk and whisper. Gabbing about Aunt Martha's hemorrhoid dilemma can wait until after the show. If it can't, take your sickening repartee to the lobby — folks are trying to munch. If you need to talk that badly, stay home and do it for free.

2. Eat quietly.

With munching comes potential smacking. Chomp to yourself. Movies are for snacking, not five course meals (although I've witnessed someone inhale a jumbo tub of popcorn, a hot dog, nachos and two Snickers bars while watching "Porky's").

If you're that hungry, trash the movie idea and head for McDonald's in Council Bluffs. There. You can eat to your belly's content and get your entertainment watching the freaks that hang out there. After all, truth is stranger than fiction. And think of all the money you'll save; flick food is outrageously expensive.

And for Pete's sake, don't belch. I know it's a natural body function, but don't do it in the theater — you could start a chain reaction, if you get my drift.

3. Don't smooch.

No one's interested in watching you and your spouse, girlfriend or boyfriend tongue duel — folks are trying to munch (have I mentioned that?). Have some discretion. Everyone in the theater need not be shown just how much you lust after each other.

Plus, you and your lover run the risk of ridicule. I remember a couple going at it pretty heavily while watching "Coming to America." They were practically falling out of their seats with passion when someone started throwing popcorn at them. They were "comed" and laughed out of the theater.

Don't let this happen to you. If you and your partner are that hot and bothered, stay home and rent a movie. Or hold hands, and bear it.

4. No hints.

If you've seen it before, don't discuss the ending or react before things happen. Keep it to yourself or risk bodily harm after the show.

I know I'd be pretty inflamed if "Presumed Innocent" was about to start and some idiot stood up and yelled, "... did it!"

Well, there you have it. Now you're ready for hours of fun-filled movie watching. Enjoy!

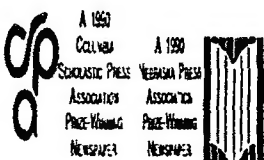
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The Gateway — Batteries not included

Television lectures defended

I read with some concern the column by Keli Anders in the Oct. 16 *Gateway*. My objections stem from three major areas. First, Ms. Anders did not exhibit the level of professionalism of which I am sure she is capable. Second, she has failed to adequately characterize the psychology 101 TV lectures. Finally, she fails to consider the cost to students of changing the current course structure.

As to the first point, it seems to me that ad hominem attacks such as the characterization of competent adults as 'drips' or lecturers wearing 'dorky polyester duds' are out of place even on the editorial page (where standards of impartiality are normally somewhat lower). Would Ms. Anders be willing to accept criticism from students who began their letters by calling her a geeky, pseudo intellectual?

Second, the characterization of Psych 101 is so distorted that I wonder if she is intentionally exaggerating (or distorting) the facts or simply did not ever attend a session. In fact, the abuses she cites do not occur. It seems unlikely that the teaching assistant who is present at each lecture is condoning a nude volleyball game or any other disruptive behavior during lectures.

Further, this teaching assistant is available to offer an answer to any questions after the lecture, or if the explanation is too involved, to allow the student to make an appointment for a more lengthy explanation during the teaching assistant's office hours. During these office hours, the student has access to the undivided attention of a quality graduate student.

While you may find it difficult to under-

stand their explanations, it is often because the material is simply difficult. Does Ms. Anders really expect to receive a degree without ever struggling to understand the material? Finally, if student evaluations are any indication, most Psych 101 students do not share Ms. Anders' assessment of the teaching, as they constantly rate the teaching above average.

While I am willing to concede that the educational experience in the TV lecture is not the same as the experience found by a class of 20 students who interact with a gifted Ph.D. three times weekly, Ms. Anders fails to consider the cost to students of revising the current course structure.

There exist three ways of changing the TV lecture. First, raise tuition so that we can afford to hire more faculty to teach these small classes. This is the solution embraced by small liberal arts colleges with tuitions (excluding room and board) of as much as \$15,000 a year. If students could afford such tuition, I suspect they would not be at UNO but at one of these institutions.

The second possible solution is we cease to teach upper division psychology classes which are subsidized by tuition from Psych 101. This would free up faculty to teach smaller classes. It also would mean that we would discontinue the psychology major, hardly an optimal solution.

The final possibility is one I recently saw as a graduate student at Michigan State University. There, all lectures were taught live by a member of the faculty to classes of 400 to 600 students. I doubt the level of student/faculty interaction was much greater under this system than our own.

In summary, while I (and I suspect the rest of the faculty) would be glad to entertain any

suggestions of how to improve Psych 101 or any other course, I would prefer that those suggestions be made in a professional and constructive way.

Joseph S. Brown, assistant professor, UNO department of psychology

Planned parenthood accused of name calling

Jan Kennedy, the executive director of Planned Parenthood, did not respond to the allegations made by pro-life activists. Instead, in her Oct. 16 letter to the *Gateway*, she engaged in name calling. She did not address the issue as to whether Planned Parenthood is biased in its counseling of women. Well, *Gateway* readers can judge for themselves.

Of the 177 affiliates of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, 51 perform abortions. Of the 1.6 million abortions performed in 1988, 13 percent were performed in Planned Parenthood clinics. Twelve of these clinics perform abortions after the 12th week of pregnancy. None of these clinics are licensed as an adoption agency.

Dr. Stanton Goldstein, medical director of Planned Parenthood of Massachusetts, resigned when the organization supported a referendum that would amend the state constitution to guarantee abortion-on-demand through the entire nine months of pregnancy.

Locally, Planned Parenthood offers a voucher-discount on abortions. The certificate can be used at a local abortion clinic in Omaha. Planned Parenthood does not offer a similar voucher for women who choose to keep their child.

Planned Parenthood actively opposed informed consent laws here in Nebraska which

would have provided women information on fetal development and the risks of abortion.

Andrew Sullivan, Omaha

'Groups that oppose abortion deny women any opportunity to make an informed decision'

I would like to respond to the letter in the Oct. 2 *Gateway*.

I am responsible for the counseling offered at the Women's Medical Center of Nebraska. I have a master's degree in social work, as does our counseling coordinator. Our counseling staff, a dedicated group of women and men, offer counseling that is conducted professionally and ethically, in accordance to the standards utilized by the National Abortion Federation.

It is unfortunate that the authors of this letter do not appreciate the rights of women. It is also disturbing to me that this group would treat a woman's right to privacy with such disdain and contempt.

In fact, groups that oppose abortion do not consider abortion an option at all. Instead, they deny women any opportunity to make an informed decision. Our counseling staff, in conjunction with our medical director, offer women the opportunity to explore all options concerning an unplanned pregnancy. Our staff believes all women are responsible for their own lives, and we encourage women to explore all options to make decisions about reproductive health.

In conclusion, attempts to disenfranchise women from difficult but allowable choice is restricting the rights of more than 50 percent of our country's population.

Deborah Reay, Administrator, Women's Medical Center of Nebraska

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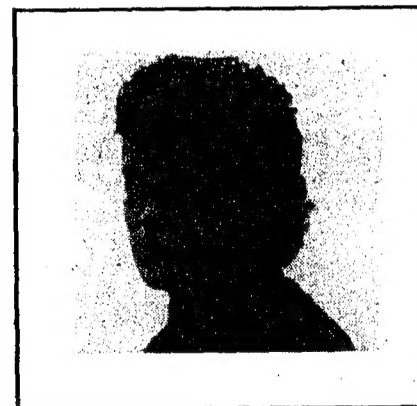
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Hunting for history



UNO students Toni Tessaro (left) and Therese Fitzpatrick take a break from the rigors of archeology last summer. Although it is not as glamorous as the movies, both said archeology was rewarding. "It's nothing like 'Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom,'" said Tessaro. "You get muddy, dirty and sweaty in a hole digging."

UNO students spend a summer unearthing the past

By HEIDI JEANNE HESS

There were no snakes, no bugs, no spiders and no bull whips like in "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom."

Three weeks of digging for artifacts this summer didn't bring the adventures portrayed in the Indiana Jones movies. Still, UNO students Therese Fitzpatrick and Toni Tessaro, both of whom participated in a dig, said archeology provides plenty of excitement.

"It's nothing like 'Indiana Jones and the

Temple of Doom,'" said Tessaro, who plans to become an archeologist. "You get muddy, dirty and sweaty sitting in a hole digging."

The UNO students participated in an archaeological excavation of the ancient city of Bethsaida, located north of the Sea of Galilee near the Israeli-Syrian border.

The excavation of Bethsaida began in 1987 by Rami Arav, a professor at Haifa University in Israel.

Since 1987, volunteers from around the world have participated in the dig for college credit.

Fitzpatrick and Tessaro said being in a place that shaped much of western civilization was an incredibly exciting and humbling experience.

"Uncovering a fisherman's house that dates to the time of the Apostle Peter and knowing that Peter was a fisherman, you wonder, 'Am I standing in Peter's house?' It is awesome, in the truest sense of the word," Tessaro said.

According to Richard Freund, a UNO associate professor of religion, Tessaro and Fitzpatrick had good reason to feel awestruck. Bethsaida, Freund said, may date as far back as the year 3000 B.C.

"The importance of Bethsaida is that it is a link between the Old and New Testaments," Freund said.

Unearthing an object or fragment can "confirm or not confirm things that are written in the Bible. You can connect physical evidence to literary text in the Bible," he said.

Some of the unusual "finds" at the excavation site included a fully intact clay jug, made in approximately 600 B.C. Archeologists also found coins, which were as old, in the same area.

Other "finds" included the fisherman's house and a 12-foot by 18-foot, stone-paved courtyard, Tessaro said.

Fitzpatrick, an art history major who hopes to become an archeologist, said most of the uncovered relics are pottery shards and bits and pieces of unknown objects.

The discoveries provided plenty of excitement but also requires tedious work,

Fitzpatrick said.

Readings must be taken on everything found, where the object was found, on what level of earth it was found, and the elevation of the area. After recording all of the information, the artifact is sent to a laboratory to determine what it is and when it was made.

Tessaro said excavating a four-inch bone needle in one piece was one of her most exciting moments. She said it most likely dated back to the 11th or 12th century.

"It was amazing that the experts at the site were able to tell where it was from and what it was just by looking at it," Fitzpatrick said.

Both Tessaro and Fitzpatrick said they started examining the ground everywhere they walked because everything they found seemed important.

"You knew it was not just a rock," Fitzpatrick said.

The trip to Bethsaida was not all work and no play, however. Sight-seeing trips to the Dead Sea, Capernaum, Jerusalem, the Mount of Beatitudes and other places of interest were arranged for the volunteers.

Also, some adventures similar to Indiana Jones' adventures occurred, Tessaro said.

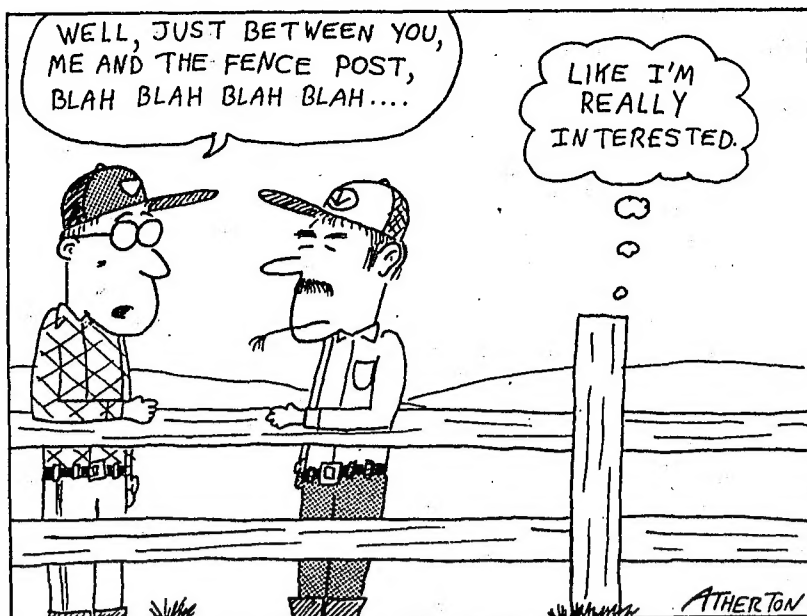
"Archeologists had to watch out for scorpions, and the 4:15 a.m. wake-up calls could have been mistaken for some sort of torture seen in the movie," she said.



Not just a hole in the ground - the archeological excavation at Bethsaida.

Off the wall

By Bob Atherton



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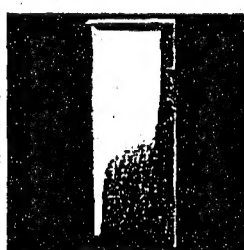
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Ed Jaksha defends the 2 percent lid during debate

By KENT WALTON

Ed Jaksha's "2 percent solution" became the question of Friday night's debate between Jaksha and Lynn Rex, a lobbyist for the Nebraska League of Municipalities.

The debate, sponsored by the League of Women Voters, was aired on KYNE-TV, UNO's campus television station.

The questions raised by the panel of three representatives from the Omaha media concentrated on the definition of the 2 percent lid and its possible effects. If approved by voters in November, the 2 percent lid, officially called Ballot Measure 405, would limit increases in state and local government spending to 2 percent a year.

The most obvious effects of Measure 405, Rex said, will be reductions in funding for state agencies.

"The state of Nebraska may very well cut, and we understand that they will be cutting aid to municipalities and schools," Rex said.

"The 2 percent lid is going to effect people," she added. "It is going to impact and hurt people."

State-funded agencies such as Meals on Wheels, drug-abuse rehabilitation and prevention programs and services for the elderly will experience drastic reductions in funding, Rex said.

However, Jaksha said cuts in funds allocated to organizations that rely on state money are not part of his proposed 2 percent limit on government spending increases.

"There is nothing in Measure 405 that suggests a cut," Jaksha said. "The use of the term 'lid' is inaccurate. There is nothing in our language or intent that suggests a cut in spending."

Jaksha said it would be "ludicrous" to assume budget cuts would occur as a result of Ballot Measure 405.

Rex said, however, cuts are an inevitable result of the spending lid.

"To say that there will not be cuts as a consequence of 405 is to not understand the consequences of 405," Rex said.

Under the proposed amendment, increases in government spending more than 2 percent could be approved by a vote from 40 state senators. But despite saying that no cuts would

be made as a result of the amendment, Jaksha later mentioned reductions would occur if the amendment became retroactive.

"I am beginning to think that maybe we should accede to the arguments of retroactivity, and let our 'friends' have the present year's budget cut," Jaksha said.

"Many of my supporters say 'let them have it,'" he added. "Maybe they (Nebraska government) would like this year's budget cut too. Maybe we will start a year early."

Under the proposed amendment, the 2 percent lid would affect budgets after Jan. 1, 1991.

The amendment, Rex said, would not make allowances for government bodies that have already begun their fiscal year before Jan. 1.

"Obviously the public body doesn't want it to be retroactive," Rex said. "Indeed we wish the draft clearly stated what they intended, but that is not the case."

A 2 percent spending lid, Rex said, would not only be one of the strictest of its kind in the country, but it would not allow state agencies and governments to keep up with climbing inflation rates.

But according to Jaksha, a reduction of government spending would reduce the rate of inflation.

"Governments are generally conceded to be the major cause of inflation," Jaksha said.

State government has increased its annual spending by an average of 8 percent, Jaksha said.

"When governments increase their share of the cost of living at a rate of 8 percent, then they contribute to the rate of inflation," Jaksha said.

Rex argued that the lid would cause government agencies to collect more money in property taxes to compensate.

However, Jaksha said, Rex was simply trying to cloud an amendment that would actually benefit taxpayers.

"Don't you believe all the arguments for gloom and doom," Jaksha said.

Although she predicts hard times for Nebraska if the proposal passes, Rex said only one group of citizens will benefit from the lid.

"If this thing passes," she said, "the only people to win will be the lawyers, because it will be litigated for years."

Gateway Survey — The 2 percent lid

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Taking the scare out of trick-or-treating

BY STACIE HAWKES

Halloween — the time of year when ghosts and goblins mingle with angels and Ninja Turtles.

It may be one of the funniest holidays for kids, but parents could get a real scare if their children aren't warned of the potential dangers of "trick or treating."

Jacqueline Bell, child life coordinator at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, said most parents worry about the treats their children could bring home in their goodie bags.

"The greatest concern of parents is what their children get when they trick-or-treat," Bell said. "The best advice for parents is to tell your children not to eat anything until they bring the bag home, so parents can check what's in there."

Bell said freezing some of the candy can make the fun of Halloween last much longer.

The type of costume you chosen can be a safety factor as well. Bell recommended bright, reflective costumes. The fabric should also be fireproof.

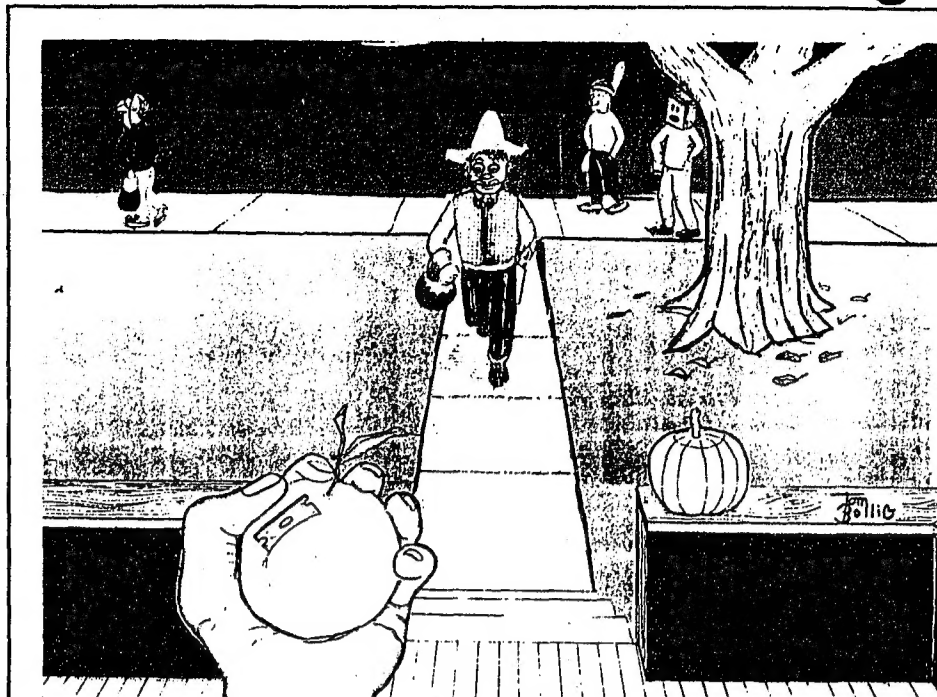
If the costume includes a mask, be assured the child can see through the eye holes in all directions.

A good alternative to masks is face paints. Check the labels — face paints should be made of easily removable oils.

Bell also recommended that each child carry his or her own flashlight. Never allow children to carry a lit jack-o-lantern, a potential fire hazard.

Bell suggested the following precautions for trick-or-treaters:

- Skip houses without any outside lights on.
- Use sidewalks and crosswalks; don't take shortcuts, such as cutting through yards.
- Give your children permission to approach houses.
- Never allow your children to eat treats



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If your child does swallow a tainted treat, call a physician or poison control center. Also

determine where the child got the harmful treat.

Bell said common sense should be the basic guidelines for all Halloween activities.

Cancer clinic called 'a unique approach'

BY SARAH SMOCK

Consolidated medical care may be the wave of the future — and the University of Nebraska Medical Center plans to ride the wave.

On Oct. 7, the Medical Center dedicated the University Clinical Cancer Center, which Chancellor Charles Andrews said will bring recognition to the school.

"This will be one of our prime areas of influence," Andrews said. "It will be important to our future."

The Cancer Center's Medical Director Karel Dicke feels the Cancer Center will help not only the Medical Center as a whole, but also, and more importantly, the patients.

"By dedicating a specific area to cancer care, we will be able to optimize our comprehensive cancer treatment for the individual," Dicke said.

The Cancer Center, located on the third floor of University Hospital, consolidates cancer treatment and research in the areas of medicine, pediatrics, surgery, radiotherapy and pathology. Doctors and researchers from each of these areas will be available to consult many different cancer cases.

Andrews said "better cooperation (among faculty) leads to better care." Dicke agreed, adding that a concentrated effort benefits the patients.

"When you have people looking from different angles, you can get better treatment," Dicke said. "They (doctors) consult each other. This can save the patient a lot of time, because everyone gets to see them at once."

Although saving time is important, the Cancer Center's main goal will be saving

lives.

Dicke said "high-tech procedures" will help the Cancer Center accomplish its goal.

The Cancer Center will use a combination of high-dose chemotherapy and bone marrow transplants to treat various types of tumors. Since high doses of chemotherapy can damage bone marrow while killing cancer cells, Dicke said it is important to replace the damaged bone marrow with transplants.

"Our bone marrow transplantation program receives referrals from around the world," he said. "Many of the patients we see are ones whose cancer hasn't responded to more traditional therapies."

The Med Center, Dicke said, is recognized as a world leader in autologous bone marrow transplants.

In autologous bone marrow transplants, a patient's bone marrow is removed, treated to remove the cancer, and then replaced.

Dicke said doctors use this type of treatment to avoid the adverse reactions sometimes involved in traditional bone marrow transplants.

The Cancer Center also plans to use biological modifiers and radio-labeled antibodies to maximize "tumor-cell kill," Dicke said.

Biological modifiers can influence the immune system to "try to take care of cancer cells," Dicke said.

Radio-labeled antibodies deliver radioactive material to the tumor which destroy it, Dicke said.

In addition to state-of-the-art treatment, Dicke said the Cancer Center also considers patient convenience a significant concern.

For the patient's convenience, Dicke said, the Cancer Center offers out-patient care.

"We will be using the concept of a day

hospital," Dicke said. "Patients will receive treatment during the day but won't need to be hospitalized overnight."

For most patients, Dicke said, out-patient care provides only positives.

"It (out-patient care) is cost reductive," he said. "There are no disadvantages, because there are excellent lodging facilities for patients close by. So if they need to, they can come to the clinic."

Andrews also sees out-patient treatment as a positive aspect of health care.

"Hospitals are dangerous places to be," he said. "Just having people in bed for a long time is a bad thing. People are more comfortable at home than in a hospital."

When people spend time in the Cancer Center, nurse manager of the Cancer Center Patty Von Riesen said improvements may also help patient comfort.

She said the Cancer Center has expanded the space available to treat patients. For example, Von Riesen said four more beds have been added for a total of eight. This allows the Cancer Center not only to treat more patients, but, also, treat them in a more comfortable situation.

"It (the increase in space) gives patients more privacy and more quiet," Von Riesen said. "Some people get sick after chemotherapy or want to rest. There's a much better atmosphere now."

Von Riesen also said additions such as the pneumatic tube, which uses air suction to take blood samples to the lab, allow for better patient care.

"Since we no longer have to carry blood to the lab, work can be done faster," she said. "Nurses can serve patients better."

With advances in comfort, disease study and technology, the University Clinical Cancer Center promises to meet its goal of better serving patients.

Health Hints

Tips from the Medical Center

Prescription problems

This week is National Pharmacy Week. Other than being a celebration of the University of Nebraska Medical Center's College of Pharmacy, it is a good time to take a look at how you take your own prescriptions.

Last year, Americans spent more than \$30 billion on prescriptions and pharmaceutical items.

More and more Americans take potent doses of drugs, leading to a greater danger from the misuse of prescriptions. Yet, it is estimated that only one-fourth of all prescription medications are taken correctly.

"Drugs are very potent chemicals," said Dr. Jon Wagner, assistant dean of the College of Pharmacy at the Med Center. "Even though they can be beneficial, no drug is completely safe."

Wagner said the best way to avoid the potential side effects from prescription drugs is to be sure your pharmacist knows your medical history, including if you smoke, drink, take vitamins daily, are pregnant or nurse your baby.

Wagner recommends questioning your pharmacist about your prescriptions:

- What is the name of the medicine?
- What is the purpose for taking the medicine?
- What side effects could occur?
- How often should I take the medicine?
- Are there any medicines I should not take with the prescribed medicine?
- Are there any beverages or foods I should avoid?
- Can the prescription be refilled without making an appointment with the physician?
- Is any written information available about the medicine?

Dr. Wagner said patients need to ask questions and stay informed about their medication. However, more than 90 percent of patients never ask their pharmacist or physician about their prescription.

When counting sheep doesn't work

If you spend most nights tossing and turning — wondering if you will ever fall asleep — you're not alone. Thirty percent of Americans have sleeping disorders.

Sleeping problems, like insomnia, can create a vicious cycle, according to Dr. Jeff Susman, assistant professor of Family Practice at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

If you don't fall asleep immediately, Dr. Susman recommends getting up, studying, or watching television. Once you become drowsy, try going back to bed.

If your sleepless nights still continue, Dr. Susman recommends a complete physical. He said regularity is the best way to help yourself sleep at night.

"Establish a routine, such as going to sleep at the same time each night and waking at the same time each morning," Dr. Susman said.

He also recommends avoiding stimulants like coffee, pop, and caffeine, and long term use of over the counter sleeping medications.

Health Hints compiled by Stacie Hawkes

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23 unanswered points spell doom for UNO

Mavs fall to 2-6,
1-5 in NCC

By DAVE DUFEK

Neither points nor spectators were abundant in UNO's Saturday evening football game against Mankato State.

UNO's Mavs lost to the other Mavericks 23-3 before an estimated crowd of 500, bringing UNO's season record to 2-6 and its North Central Conference (NCC) record to 1-5.

In the first quarter, UNO drew first blood on a 25-yard field goal by freshman kicker Antonio Marino. This marked only the second time in eight games UNO scored first.

In about five minutes, UNO's lead had dwindled to a tie due to a Mankato State 46-yard field goal. After one quarter of play, the score was Mavericks 3, Mavericks 3.

Early in the second quarter, Mankato State's Lance Dunn scored on a 15-yard run to put Mankato State ahead 10-3, and there was no turning back.

"I guess it's the same thing," UNO Coach Tom Mueller said. "We've had opportunities to win ball games in the last three games. We had an opportunity last night. And I think in the next three games, we'll have more opportunities."

With 1:24 remaining in the third quarter, Dunn scored again — this time on a 17-yard jaunt. Finally, to ice the victory for Mankato State, Kevin Van Oberbeke recovered a UNO fumble in the end zone for a Mankato touchdown.

"We're just making mistakes," Mueller said. "People just aren't making plays on both sides of the ball. We have to obviously do things better."

Junior running back Aaron Vactor was UNO's leading rusher with 45 yards and 10 carries. Junior fullback Greg Thielen followed Vactor with 42 yards, and senior back LaRon Henderson contributed 23 yards.



Aaron Vactor, No. 5, evades a Mankato State tackler Saturday. Vactor led UNO's rushers with 45 yards.

— ERIC FRANCIS

Junior quarterback Paul Cech was 3-for-24 with 35 yards and three interceptions. His senior counterpart, Jim Burzinski, was 2-for-3 with 32 yards and no interceptions.

Senior Victor Barnes led UNO's receiving corps with 42 yards on two receptions. Junior Chris Crutcher added 15 yards on one reception.

"Obviously, people are going to judge the season on wins and losses," Mueller said. "Before we concern ourselves with wins and losses, we have to concentrate on getting better."

"We've got to try to get better every game."

"We've had opportunities to win ball games in the last three games. And I think in the next three games, we'll have more opportunities."

— Tom Mueller

If it's a senior, he has to continue to play well," he continued. "Our younger kids are learning what it takes to play in this league — they have to keep getting better."

UNO will have that chance Saturday when the team travels to meet NCC foe Northern Colorado. Northern Colorado is coming off of a 17-

15 victory over North Dakota.

Lady Mavs win one, lose one at home

By DAVE DUFEK

The UNO volleyball team got its first taste of victory in the North Central Conference (NCC) this weekend, defeating Augustana Saturday after falling to South Dakota State the night before.

Saturday, the Lady Mavs defeated Augustana 15-12, 15-7, 15-13.

Sophomore outside hitter Melanie Marquis contributed 13 kill-spikes to the Lady Mavs' victory. Junior setter Pam Largen added 38 assists.

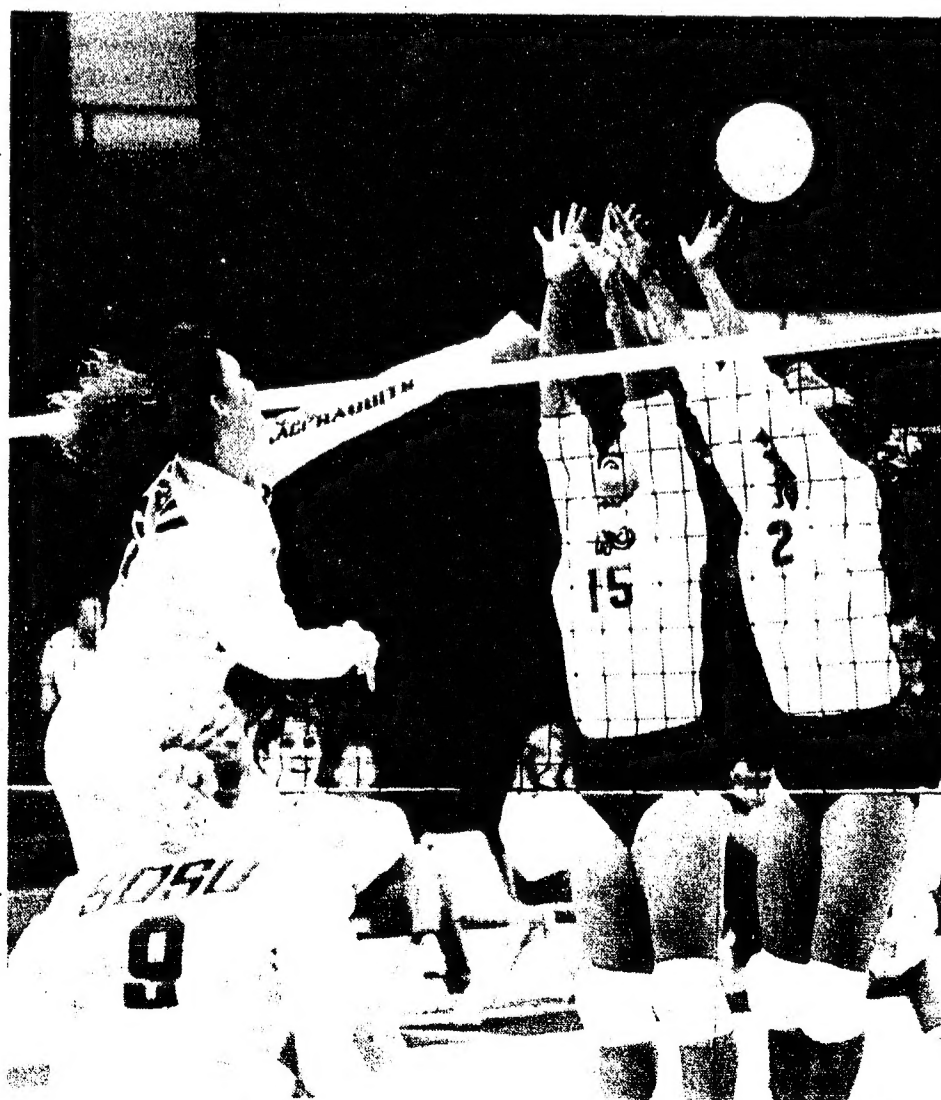
Friday, South Dakota State defeated UNO 15-11, 15-17, 15-6, 11-15, 15-10 in the UNO Fieldhouse.

South Dakota State is currently 24-3 overall and 3-1 in the NCC.

Senior Brenda Baumann recorded 20 kills and 17 dig saves, as well as four blocks. Junior Karen Soukup added 25 kills.

UNO's record stands at 1-4 in the NCC and 10-13 overall.

Friday, the Lady Mavs travel to St. Cloud State. Saturday, UNO plays at Mankato State.



UNO's Melanie Marquis, No. 15, and Karen Soukup, No. 2, try to stop a Jackrabbit kill Saturday.

— DAVE BAVARESCO

Jock Journal

by Dave Dufek

Quality TV

ESPN has got to stop it.

I had the choice of watching "C.H.U.D. II," "The Muppets Take Manhattan," the Nashville Network or ESPN (the Entertainment and Sports Programming Network) one evening.

I hope it's understood that I had no choice.

After a thrilling documentary on the physics of hydroplane racing, the most horrifying sport to ever grace television assaulted my screen. At first, I thought I was watching a "Saturday Night Live" skit by accident — but it was real.

Competitive aerobics.

I know what you think, but I'm not making this up. Even my imagination isn't that good.

Anyway, these men (?) in tights and leotards came on the screen with huge grins on their faces. The competitors, from several countries — including the United States (I'm so embarrassed) — started bouncing around the television screen and doing the splits.

How was this sport invented? Well, legend has it several ESPN executives came home at about 5:30 a.m. after a night of wild partying. Unfortunately for sports fans, this is also the time most aerobics programs start.

They turned on their televisions and watched through the drunken glaze clouding their eyes — and their minds.

"Hey, Bob. What if we (hic) made this into a sport?"

(... TWO, THREE, FOUR. ALRIGHT, LET'S WAKE THOSE BUTTOCK MUSCLES UP. ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR. IF IT DOESN'T HURT, YOU'RE NOT DOING IT RIGHT. ONE, TWO ...)

"I don't know. Do you think we could get Mike Tyson to announce?"

And that was the scariest part — the event had judges, announcers ... even an audience.

"Jill, his style and form are just about perfect, but he stepped out of bounds once — that will cost him five points."

"I agree. And his tights don't match his leotards. That'll be another 10."

Next was the team competition.

The final three teams were from the United States, the Soviet Union and Japan.

As they contorted each other's bodies into blatantly painful positions, the audience roared.

"The U.S. team is favored in Las Vegas by five points in this event. But the Soviet team may take the lead, since the U.S. team used a bit too much mousse in its hair."

"Yes, but the competition is sponsored by Vidal Sassoon, so that could work in their favor. Plus, the Soviets are ugly and they have an attitude."

I just wanted the torture to end — but I had to videotape the program so everyone else would believe I didn't invent this atrocity.

Everyone will be glad to know that the United States swept the competition. The team skipped back onto the stage to bow and receive its medals.

That's when I decided I'm moving to Kuwait.

It's just a theory, but I think being shot in the head would be a better fate than to live in a country that makes Richard Simmons a sports hero. And in Kuwait, they have better things to worry about than competitive aerobics.

I've learned my lesson — I should've watched C.H.U.D. II.

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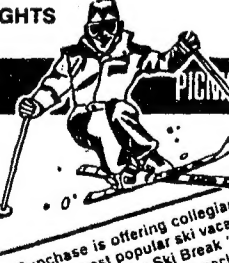
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